GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Students Union Election
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued direction to all Central Universities located across the country to include None Of The Above (NOTA) as one of the option for conduction of students union election;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the UGC has received any response in this regard from any Central Universities; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it had received references from student unions seeking inclusion of None Of The Above (NOTA) option in the voting system for Election of Students' Union. UGC had issued a letter to Vice-Chancellors of all universities to include the column NOTA option in the Electoral Voting Machines (EVMs) and ballot papers, while conducting student elections to ensure free and fair elections among student bodies. This letter is available at http://www.ugc.ac.in /pdfnews/5700045_letter_NOTA.pdf . The UGC has not received any response on the matter from Central Universities.
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